## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

Claim 1. (Withdrawn)  Water-soluble amphiphilic cationic associative polyurethanes of formula (I):

$$R-X-(P)_n-[L-(Y)_m]_r-L'-(P')_p-X'-R' \qquad (I)$$

in which:

R and R', are identical or different, and represent a hydrophobic group or a hydrogen atom;

X and X', are identical or different, and represent a group comprising an amine functional group which may or may not carry a hydrophobic group or an L» group;

L, L' and L», are identical or different, and represent a group derived from diisocyanate;

P and P', are identical or different, and represent a group comprising an amine functional group which may or may not carry a hydrophobic group;

Y represents a hydrophilic group;

r is an integer between 1 and 100,

n, m and p have values, each independently of the others, between 0 and 1000;

the molecule comprising at least one protonated or quaternized amine functional group and at least one hydrophobic group.

Claim 2. (Withdrawn)  The polyurethane according to Claim 1, wherein the only hydrophobic groups are the R and R' groups.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn)  The polyurethane according to Claim 1, wherein R and R' independently represent a hydrophobic group; X and X' are L», n and p have values between 1 and 1000; and L, L', L», P, P', Y and m are the same as Claim 1.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn)  The polyurethane according to Claim 1, wherein R and R' independently represent a hydrophobic group; X and X' are L», n and p have the value 0; and L, L', L», Y and m are the same as Claim 1.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn)  The polyurethane according to Claim 1, wherein R and R' independently